1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 MASSACHUSETTS BAY CASE NO. C18-0791JLR 10 INSURANCE COMPANY, ORDER REGARDING THE 11 PARTIES' JOINT STATUS Plaintiff, **REPORT** 12 v. 13 WALFLOR INDUSTRIES, INC., et al., 14 Defendants. 15 16 Before the court is the parties' joint status report. (JSR (Dkt. # 20).) In their joint 17 status report, the parties ask the court to defer issuing a case schedule or setting a date for 18 trial until after the court rules on the parties' cross motions for summary judgment, which 19 the parties have not yet filed. (Id. at 6.) The parties also ask the court to rule on a dispute 20 concerning the phasing of their anticipated cross motions for summary judgment and a 21 briefing schedule. (*Id.* at 1-2, 4-5.)

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The court declines to defer the entry of a case schedule setting the trial date in this matter. The court will promptly issue the case schedule in a separate order. The parties may bring their motions for summary judgment pursuant to the court's local rules. *See* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(d)(3). In addition, "[p]arties anticipating filing cross motions are encouraged to agree on a briefing schedule and to submit it to the court for approval through a stipulation and proposed order." *Id.* LCR 7(k). Accordingly, if the parties wish to diverge from the typical schedule for summary judgment motions set forth in Local Rule 7(d)(3), they should either submit a stipulation and proposed order with the court or file a motion, if appropriate. *See id.* LCR 7(k).

Going forward, the parties should not ask the court to take any action, make any ruling, or issue an order in any filing other than a properly noted motion.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2018.

JAMES L. ROBART United States District Judge